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TEN CENTS PER WEEK

STRONG PROOF OF PRONAGE AT PITTSBURG PLANT

Officials of Government Find
Startling Conditions Inves-
tigating Charges Made.

Two Hundred Strike Breakers
Walk Out Today.

TREATED WORSE THAN DOGS

Pittsburg, Pa., Aug. 27.—Declaring they were treated worse than dogs, given rotten food, threatened with having their heads blown off and not being paid what was promised, two hundred men in the Pressed Steel Plant, employed as strikebreakers, walked out today. The men stated the remaining three hundred would quit tomorrow. They will go before Special Agent Hoagland this afternoon. They say they will bring private charges against the company. They are now loitering about the shops waiting for the money they claim is still due them.

Charges Fall Like Bomb.

Pittsburg, Aug. 27.—Startling testimony, if substantiated by sufficient evidence, that will bring into the legal limelight a system of pre-tensioned human bondage, feel like a bomb among the federal officials probing the seamy side of peonage charges at the government building.

Alexander Friedman, a machinist of New York, employed for eight days as a strikebreaker, by the Pressed Steel Car company, painted a vivid word picture of alleged horrible abuses.

James Goddard, another New Yorker, added to the sensational testimony by stating that his life had been threatened by Samuel Cohn, leader of the strikebreakers.

"You go to work there or I'll shoot your head off," Cohn is alleged to have declared.

Allegations to the effect that the witnesses in the peonage investigation conducted yesterday at the Schoenville plant were afraid to tell the truth brought about a shift of the scene of the hearing from the office of the company at Schoenville to the federal building in Pittsburg. Goddard testified that he worked for six days in the car plant, and that, last Tuesday he notified his boss that, in spite of the fact that he had been offered \$3 a day, he wanted to quit. But little attention was paid to him at that time, he said, but when he refused to do any more work, he alleges that Samuel Cohn, who had brought him there, pointed a revolver at his head and said to him:

"You go to work there, or I'll shoot your head off."

He did not go to work, and was finally allowed to leave the plant at 4:30 o'clock in the afternoon and told to return for his money the following day, which was yesterday.

He said that when he returned for his pay yesterday a man known as "Captain" said:

"There goes the money."

Later, after he had gotten his money, a guard took him and kicked him out, he said.

Cross-examined by Attorney R. J. Dodds, for the company, he said he was chased off, not on Tuesday, but on yesterday, after he had gotten his money. He further said that when the Austrian consul paid the plant a visit witness wanted to go and make a complaint to him, and was moving in his direction when a man known as "Bengoff" saw him and told him: "You get back there. You want to start trouble here. Go back to work and I will give you \$3 a day."

Alexander Friedman, a machinist of New York, who quit the plant yesterday, testified that he had not received full pay and that he had been forced to work overtime moving barrels of potatoes in the kitchen.

"When I refused on the ground that I was hired as a machinist and not to do extra work in a kitchen, I was grabbed by the neck by two

THE WEATHER.

The thermometer registered 96 in the shade this afternoon at 2 o'clock the lowest for today being 77. The prediction for showers yesterday and last night did not materialize and all hopes for showers are dispelled by the weather man, who says: Generally fair tonight and Saturday.

SUN AND MOON.

Sun rose today.....5:21 a.m.
Sun will set today.....6:42 p.m.
Moon will set tonight.....1:40 a.m.

Another New Industry is Promised Paducah---Foundry to Employ 125 Hands Sends Representative Here

strike-breakers acting as guards and taken before Captain Smith of the constabulary. The captain told Cohn that he could not force him to work. Cohn later threatened to throw him out to be killed by the strikers. In conclusion he said that two of the imported workmen had been forced to go two days without food because they refused to work when they were prevented from leaving the plant.

At the conclusion of Friedman's testimony Attorney Dodds, counsel for the company, asked that the witness be held for further inquiry, saying:

"If his statements are true it is a serious blow to the company; if they are false then he must suffer."

Chicago To Send Men.

Chicago, Aug. 27.—Labor leaders here declare that 2,000 strikebreakers have been engaged in Chicago for the Pittsburg contingency and either have left for there or about to leave to take places of men on strike. Advertisements in all local papers asking for men knowing steel work of any kind, who wish employment in East.

GRAY WOOD, RAPIST, ARRESTED TODAY

OFFENSE WAS COMMITTED TWO MONTHS AGO.

Wood Skipper Out, But Ran Into the Arms of Patrolman Brennan This Afternoon.

Charged with the rape of little Manila Bagley, the eight-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Bagley, residing 6 miles from Paducah on the Mayfield road, Gray Wood, a 17-year-old country boy, was placed under arrest at noon today by Patrolman James Brennan. Wood's bond was fixed at \$500 and in default he was sent to the county jail.

After committing the offense which occurred about two months ago, Wood skipped out and has been at large until he ran into Patrolman Brennan's arms today. At the time an affidavit was sworn out by the girl before Squire Dunaway and upon this statement a warrant for the arrest of Wood was issued by Magistrate Charles W. Emery. Wood has been residing with Mr. Andy Whitlock for a number of years since the death of his parents. The boy is said to have detained the girl near the Munion Mill several miles out on the Mayfield road. The case will probably be called for Monday morning in Magistrate Emery's court. Judge Emery leaves at noon Monday and in case the trial is not ready it will then come before Police Judge D. A. Cross.

Mr. S. J. Snook went to Benton this morning on business.

Secret Service Officer Here On Investigation

Developments in the counterfeit money cases are expected with the arrival of S. A. Darnell, United States secret service officer, who came quietly from Louisville last night. The duration of his visit here is unknown, although it is believed he will be here several days.

A warning was given out this morning by Chief James Collins, of the police department, to the public and he requests anyone who has any counterfeit money in their possession to bring it to police headquarters, as they are liable to a heavy fine for keeping any bad coins. Chief Collins already has in his possession between 20 and 25 dollars and half dollars which were circulated in the city on August 10 when Emancipation day was celebrated. All of the bad coins will be turned over to Officer Darnell.

He explained to the chief this morning that if counterfeit money was not turned over to the government in a certain length of time people holding them would be subject to a fine. This is a new law which was enacted for the purpose of eliminating any trouble which might result. Chief Collins said this morning that those holding counterfeit money might get it confused with other money unintentionally and be held for passing bogus coins. Mr. Darnell recently effected one of the most important captures in the county when several men were placed under

Owners Are Seeking Location
On the Ohio to Be in Close
Touch With Southern Illinois
and West Kentucky.

Prospects for Paducah getting a large foundry and machine shops this fall seem favorable and a representative of a large industry in the south will arrive here about the middle of next month to look over the city in view of locating.

This encouraging news came in a letter to Secretary Saunders A. Fowler, of the Paducah Commercial club, this morning from parties in Birmingham, Ala., who are desirous of locating their foundry and machine shops at some point on the Ohio river, more desirably at Paducah. The object is to be in close touch with the mines of Southern Illinois and West Kentucky, as indicated in the letter. The firm manufactures high-class mining machinery and their large shops would give employment to between 125 and 150 skilled mechanics and laborers.

In the communication it was stated that either a member of the company or some representative would arrive here September 15 to look over the field. If the city offers favorable inducements for the plant it is almost assured that it will be established here. On the other hand it will be established near here on the Ohio to be in close proximity with the vast mining interests around here.

\$60 OF HIDES STOLEN
FROM BIEDERMAN TODAY.

Sixteen hides, valued at \$60, were stolen from the slaughter house of Jake Biederman last night. The house is located on the old fair ground on the Mayfield road. They gained entrance to the house by raising a door. The police were notified but they have been unable to secure a clew.

SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT
LEAGUE ELECTS OFFICERS

The re-election of officers for the Marshall county school improvement league, which was organized last November by Mrs. C. S. Purcell, of Paducah, was held yesterday afternoon there. The result was: President, Boone Hill; secretary, Miss Luella Acre; treasurer, Mrs. V. A. Stille; vice-president, Division No. 1, Clyde Johnson; No. 2, Claude Shemwell; No. 3, I. C. Boyd, and No. 4, J. M. Tichenor.

The meeting was very enthusiastic and conducted by Mrs. Purcell. Supt. Jones, of the Marshall county schools, offered a prize of \$10 to the school showing the greatest improvement during the coming year, and Mr. Clyde Johnson offered a similar prize of \$5. Supt. Jones says another prize of \$7 will be offered soon by another, making three, which will go to the school making the most forward step.

The enrollment showed a membership of 123 teachers and residents which is a large excess over the number last year.

PINCHOT ENDORSES TAFT'S ATTITUDE ON CONSERVATION

In An Interesting Speech at
Seattle Today He Doesn't
Refer to Ballinger.

Flour Mills Organize to Fight
the Government.

ON BLEACH FLOUR RULING

Seattle, Aug. 27.—A message by telegraph from Taft was read before the members of the conservation congress this afternoon and is as follows:

"I congratulate you on the outlook of your meeting and hope your deliberations will result in useful conclusions. You can count upon the earnest support of this administration on the policy of conservation of national resources by every conceivable means within the federal jurisdiction and such recommendations to congress as may best be adopted to secure the full legislation toward the same end."

(Signed,) TAFT.

It was received with great enthusiasm and was the source of great gratification to the men fighting for resolutions endorsing an active policy of conservation of waters, forests and public lands.

Seattle, Aug. 27.—Chief Forester Gifford Pinchot opened the second day of the national conservation congress with an address in which he expressed entire satisfaction with the attitude of Taft toward conserving national resources. His speech has been awaited with considerable interest by all factions, following the recent controversy with Ballinger. He made no reference to Ballinger on his attitude. He said conservation has three objects: To develop natural resources so this generation will have a full share of the riches of earth; to prevent needless waste, so future generations may likewise have a just share; and to provide that great natural resources, so developed, shall be used and protected for the permanent welfare of the many and not the few.

Flour Mills to Fight.

St. Louis, Aug. 27.—Local milling interests have inaugurated a national movement to raise a fund of several millions to be used fighting the government in defense of millers who may be prosecuted for bleaching flour. A committee of sixteen has been appointed to protect the Alsop Process company, each miller using it is to be taxed 25 cents on the barrel output.

LIGHTNING KILLS

WILL BEDFORD, PADUCAH BALL
PLAYER, WITH THE CUBAN
GIANTS.

Atlantic City, N. J., Aug. 27.—Will Bedford, colored, second baseman for the Cuban Giants baseball team, was killed yesterday afternoon by a stroke of lightning. The players were practicing before the game at Inlet park and in the presence of nearly a thousand spectators the negro was struck down by lightning. The bolt struck the ground close to the ball player and ran through the spikes in his shoes and into his body. Walter Gordon, short stop, and Charles Follis, catcher, were knocked down by the shock, but were uninjured.

Bedford is a Paducah negro, and has a wife, who still lives at 917 Kentucky avenue. At one time he was a member of the baseball team of Ben Boyd, but when not playing on the diamond he worked as a waiter or porter in hotels. Bedford was a swift ball player.

NEGRO MURDERER SAID TO
BE HEADED THIS WAY

A long distance telephone message received by the police here this morning from the police at Waverly, Tenn., asked them to look out for a negro named John Moore, wanted there for the murder of a Mr. Hall said to have occurred last night. No particulars were given. A reward of \$100 has been offered for Moore's apprehension and it is believed he headed towards Paducah. He was described as having dark skin, 30 years of age, five feet and nine inches in height and weighing 155 pounds. He wore a pair of blue overalls, which had faded nearly white from washing. The message said Moore's face may be powder burned from the killing.

John D. Rockefeller's Physician Says European Diagnosis Indicates Harriman Has Cancer of Stomach

COUNTY HIGH
SCHOOL PLANS

WERE CONSIDERED BY COUNTY
SCHOOL BOARD THIS
AFTERNOON.

Present Session Will Continue at
Lone Oak as Health Building
Won't Be Ready.

Specifications for the new county High school were considered this afternoon by the county school board, which met in called session to dispose of business under the administration of Superintendent S. J. Billington, who has resigned. The specifications have been prepared and were considered by the board, and it is probable that they will be adopted.

A. P. Hill and Henry Harting, citizens of Heath, were before the school board this afternoon. They deeded land for the High school and are anxious that the work shall begin soon. A bonus was promised the subscribers will not pay until the work on the building has begun. The High school will be conducted at Lone Oak this year, and the board promised to have the building completed for the session next year.

The school houses at Hickory Grove and High Point were accepted, but the acceptance of the Pleasant Ridge school was held up owing to the absence of Trustee W. R. Davis. Some of the patrons of the school are not satisfied with the work, and want changes made.

Present at the meeting were: Trustees F. F. Ghoslin, P. S. Straub, H. Anderson, W. F. Sexton, and Superintendent S. J. Billington.

The examination of candidates for the position of county school superintendent was held today at the county court house. County Judge Lightfoot, County Court Clerk Boone and Miss Adah L. Brazelton, of the High school faculty, had charge of the examinations.

FOLSOMDALE ODD FELLOWS
CELEBRATE ANNIVERSARY

The sixth anniversary of the organization of the Odd Fellows lodge at Folsomdale, Ky., was celebrated yesterday and was attended by several Paducah lodgemen. It was one of the biggest events of the little town in some time and hundreds of people were in attendance. County Attorney Alben Barkley and Col. Gus G. Singleton, of Paducah, attended and both delivered short speeches appropriate for the occasion. Judge Harry J. Moorman, of Mayfield, was also an interesting speaker.

BAR ASSOCIATION ELECTS.

Detroit, Aug. 27.—The American Bar association held elections today and adjourned until next year. President Charles F. Libby, Maine; members of executive council, Charles Butler, New York; W. O. Hunt, Louisiana; John A. Hinkey, Vermont; Ralph W. Breckenridge, Alaska; Lynn Helm, California.

WORK ON CLARKS RIVER
BRIDGE STARTS SOON

The Vincennes Bridge company has notified County Judge Lightfoot that work on the concrete bridge over Clark's river will begin in a few days. The company has been delayed in beginning the work as the contract was awarded two months ago. The company received the contract for the concrete bridge over Perkins' creek, but it was sublet to Bert Johnson, who is now on the bridge. In the contract the Vincennes Bridge company is to have the Clark's river bridge completed by October.

MASON LANDED

MAYFIELD POSTOFFICE AP-
POINTMENT WHICH WAS
MADE TODAY.

Washington, Aug. 27.—(Special.)—Jerry B. Mason was appointed postmaster at Mafield today.

CLARA WILKERSON SENT
TO THE REFORM SCHOOL

Clara Wilkerson, 15 years old, has been ordered to the reform school for six years by County Judge Lightfoot. It is a sad story as the girl went bitterly when told she must leave her invalid mother, and go away from home. The girl is pretty, and the officials sent her away to keep her away from evil associates.

In Which Event An Operation
Is a Forlorn Hope---Harriman
Is Guarded in Home
More Closely Than a Czar.

Turners, N. Y., Aug. 27. (Bulletin.)—Two loads of chemically pure oxygen were unloaded from a train at the station of Arden at noon and immediately placed in an auto, which literally flew to the mountain. Two men, appearing to be physicians, left the train and went with the auto. They carried medical bags and when questioned said: "Don't bother us." The correspondents today got Dr. Lytle, Harriman's private physician, on the telephone when he seemed greatly vexed and announced it would be the last time he would talk to correspondents. He told them they must get their information from the New York offices on Broadway. Harriman has not left the mansion on tower hill all day and it is believed he is not even to go on the veranda.

Cleveland, Aug. 27.—Dr. H. C. Bigger, private physician to John D. Rockefeller, declares his belief that Harriman is suffering from cancer of the stomach. He says the cancer is in a forlorn hope, and Harriman has only a few weeks to live. He said three things induce cancer, rapid eating, great worry and lack of proper exercise. All three are causes in Harriman's case. The Skiagraphing process, also a diet of rice and blismuth in Europe show the doctors are treating for cancer. Only two results are possible from the cancer operation—the cancer may be located so that by altering the junction of the stomach and bowels, it may be eliminated and life prolonged, or it may not be located, then it would only relieve a short time and he will live only a few weeks. He said the "after cure" is probably an expression coined to outwit true reports of his condition.

HARRIMAN GUARDED LIKE
A CZAR WOULD BE

Arden, N. Y., Aug. 27.—Whatever the actual prognosis for Mr. Harriman's recovery, it is evident that his family has determined that he shall make no further sacrifices of vitality in the effort to reassure the public and buy up the stock market.

No armed guards patrol his estate, but for all effective purposes of human intercourse, his isolation on his mountain-top is as absolute as any devised for an Eastern potentate. Except the selected few of his own immediate entourage not a soul sees him, and no word from the outer world reaches to his chamber solitude. His "rest cure" is absolute.

All approaches to the grounds are picketed, and admission is denied outsiders. The telephone operator at Arden with access on a direct line to the house has orders to make no connections from the outside.

He has not walked a hundred steps since he arrived in America, and spends the greater portion of his time in his invalid's chair and a portable couch. He was out on the veranda about three minutes Thursday, but as soon as his physician spied him, he was brought back indoors. Dr. Doolittle made a flying visit to New York last night, but when asked if he was arranging for an operation he replied: "It's nobody's business."

He is guarded in his mountain fastnesses more closely than a Russian Czar. No one sees him without orders, and no one even approaches within three miles unless they are summoned. He owns the entire mountain, which is approached only by a winding automobile road and inclined railway. The newspaper men are compelled to stay at Silver Fox Inn, six miles from Harriman's home. They are received with open hospitality everywhere and it looks as if the whole country is made up of his retainers.

\$40,000 BLAZE IN
OWENSBORO TODAY.

Owensboro, Aug. 27.—The department store of John H. Berry & Co. was burned and several adjoining stores damaged by fire today. The loss will be \$40,000.

Chicago Market.

Sept.	High.	Low.	Close
Wheat	99 3/4	58	99 1/4
Corn	66	65 1/4	65 3/4
Oats	37 1/4	36 3/4	37 1/4
Provs.	22.45	22.45	22.45
Lard	12.15	12.00	12.10
Ribs	11.50	11.72	11.50

BIDS ARE ASKED FOR ON THE NEW POSTOFFICE WORK

Award Will Be Made Septem-
ber 24 and Improvements
Done January 1.

General Hitchcock is to Visit
Paducah This Fall.

WILL FISH AT REELFOOT LAKE

Advertisement for bids for the remodeling of the postoffice were published today. The opening of bids will be September 24. This is the second time the work has been advertised, as the first bids were rejected. J. K. Taylor, the supervising architect, has promised to push the work as rapidly as possible, and the work will be completed by January 1.

Gen. Hitchcock Coming.

After a trip through the north and attending the postmasters' convention at Toledo, Postmaster and Mrs. Frank M. Fisher and Miss Elizabeth Sinnott returned last night. The Paducah party had an enjoyable time at the convention, and one of the social features was a private dinner party with Postmaster General Frank Hitchcock. Mr. Hitchcock has promised to visit Paducah about the middle of October as he seems favorably impressed with Kentucky people. The Kentucky postmasters' convention will meet in Louisville October 12 and 13 and by virtue of his office he is the president. After the meeting he will come to Paducah, and probably after a day's visit will go to Reelfoot Lake in an automobile party to enjoy the sport of angling.

While at the convention Mr. Fisher learned that it will be impossible for President Taft to include Paducah on his itinerary on his trip down the Mississippi river. So many cities have made demands for a visit that Paducah has a small chance for the president making the fifty-mile trip up the Ohio river.

ELKS' CONTRACT

FOR NEW IMPROVEMENTS GOES
TO CONTRACTOR GEORGE
INGRAM.

The Present Handsome Home Will
Be Further Improved By
Changes in Building.

The Elks awarded the contract for the remodeling of the Elks home last night to Contractor George Ingram. The work will begin at once and the work will be pushed rapidly to completion. The basement will be fitted up as a gymnasium with modern apparatus and a bath house. The billiard and pool tables will also be moved to the basement, while the space on the first floor will be utilized for a library. On the third floor handsome bachelor quarters will be fitted out. The rooms will be rented to members only, and promise to be quite popular.

PAULHAN'S MACHINE HAS
WING BROKEN TODAY

Rheims, Aug. 27.—Paulhan today set out to beat Latham's mark of yesterday, when he flew 97 miles in two hours and 13 seconds. His biplane fell early in the trial, smashing a wing. Paulhan was uninjured, but the machine was so badly injured it is believed to be beyond repair. The accident was due to a heavy wind sudden, sharp gusts causing the car to turn somewhat. Just as it was becoming righted, it hit the ground. It belonged to Latham, Paulhan and Count De Lambert will finish in order for the three distance prizes. Bleriot seems to be sure to win the Coupe international tomorrow. He made 27 miles today in a high wind, and came down when the wind increased, not wishing to take any risk. Curtiss is still believed to have an excellent chance to beat Bleriot, because the Americans say he has not pushed his machine to the limit. Spectators do not consider a dark horse probable because of the far superiority of Bleriot and Curtiss to the others. Much complaint was made today concerning the recording of time and distance. Latham's time yesterday was given from 92 to 102 miles, and time from 2:09 to 2:18. It is unknown what will be official time.

Chicago, Aug. 27.—A dispatch from Washington to the Record-Herald says that Henry Lane Wilson of Crawfordsville, Indiana, now minister to Belgium, will soon be officially named to succeed Ambassador Thompson at Mexico City.